

Racine, Wis

February 18<sup>th</sup> 1893.

Director  
U.S. Mint Philadelphia

At Sir: I enclose you herewith a  
cast of a silver medal which  
was plowed up a short time  
since in a field near Monrovia  
this state. It has the appearance  
of having been coined to commemorate  
some treaty between the govern-  
ment and some Indian tribe  
if it is a fact that such medals  
were struck off by the mint.  
Your records should show it.  
Can I trouble you to investigate  
the matter, and give me such  
information as you can in regard  
to the medal. Also give me your  
idea of its value as a relic.

Yours be  
B. B. Blake

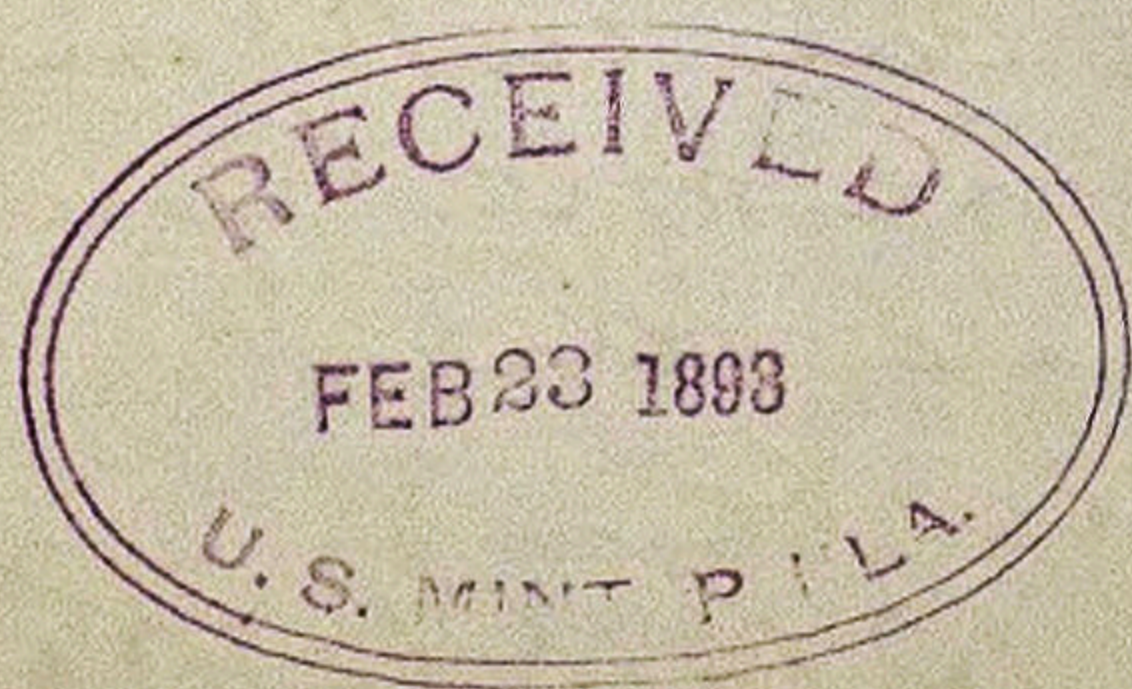


Racine, Wis.

Feb'y 18. 1893

13. 13. 13 Lake

Enclose cast of Silver  
medal to ascertain its  
value.





From the  
 of the time of  
 from President Jefferson to the  
 the present time, with the exception  
 of W. H. Harrison, Silver Medals  
 were struck, bearing the bust  
 of the President on the Obverse,  
 and emblems of peace on the  
 reverse.

When treaties are made with  
 the Indian tribes who inhabit the  
 territory of the United States, it is  
 usual to present to the Chief Men  
 these medals, as a mark of distinction,  
 as well as to furnish a lasting  
 memorial of the treaty.

Brass copies of any can be  
 obtained at the Mint.

The inclosed medal is a  
 printer's cast, not made in the  
 Mint, and of no numismatic value.  
 Inc.



NARA RG104, Entry 1, Box 180

[Abstract:] Encloses cast of Silver medal to ascertain its value.

B.B. Blake  
Racine, Wis.  
February 18, 1893

Director  
U.S. Mint Philadelphia

Dr. Sir: -

I enclose you herewith a cast of a silver medal, which was plowed up a short time since in a field near Waupaca this state. It has the appearance of having been coined to Commonwealth some treaty between the government and some Indian tribe if it is a fact that such medals were struck off by the mint your records should show it. Can I trouble you to investigate the matter, and give me such information as you can in regard to the medal. Also give me your idea of its value as a relic.

Yours &c.  
B.B. Blake

[Enclosed note:]

From the time of President Jefferson to the present time & with the exception of Wm. H. Harrison, silver Medals were struck, bearing the bust of the President on the obverse, and emblems of peace on the reverse.

When treaties are made with the Indian tribes who inhabit the territory of the United States, it is usual to present to the Chief men these medals, as a mark of distinction as well as to furnish a lasting memorial of the treaty.

Bronze copies of any can be obtained at the Mint.

The inclosed medal is a pewter curt, not made in the Mint, and of no numismatic value.

MC.